

To: Ajit Pai, FCC Chairman

Re: Docket No. 16-239, Amateur Radio Symbol Rate NPRM

Date: 7 December 2018

Dear Mr. Pai:

I fully support the proposal to remove the current symbol rate for several reasons.

Namely:

- Removal of the symbol rate will increase the efficiency of the use of limited spectrum (more bytes/minute/Hz), which will, in turn, enhance the amount of help that amateur radio operators can provide, "particularly with respect to providing emergency communications" (Sec 97.1(a));
- Removal of the symbol rate will encourage the development of advanced technologies, which will serve to extend the amateur community's "proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art" (Sec 97.1(b)).
- Removal of the symbol rate would "provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art" (Sec 97.1 (c));
- Research and development of advanced techniques under the revised rules would attract the next generation (today's technology-savvy youth), expanding "the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts" (Sec 97.1(d));
- The freedom to use techniques and technologies currently in use elsewhere the world would extend "the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill" (Sec.97.1(e)).

In my opinion, the FCC's proposal to remove the symbol rate limit actually promotes EVERY fundamental purpose of the Amateur Radio Service, as stated by the FCC, itself.

Respectfully yours,

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